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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

BRAZIL.

Report from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Mortality—Plague and smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, October 28:

Week ended October 25. Vessels inspected and received bills of health: October 20, the German bark *Baden* for New Orleans, in stone and sand ballast, with no passengers, and with 4 new members of crew signed on in this port; October 21 the German steamship *Gunther* for New York, with cargo of coffee, 12 cabin and 4 steerage passengers, and 1 new member of the crew; on the same date the British steamship *Houth Head*, for Galveston, in water ballast, with no passengers and no change in the personnel of the crew; October 22 the British steamship *Titian*, for New York, in cargo of coffee, with 4 cabin and 1 steerage passengers, and no change in the personnel of the crew; on the same date the British steamship *Ripley*, for New Orleans, in cargo of coffee, with no passengers and no change in the personnel; October 24 the British steamship *Folgate*, for some southern port, in water ballast, with no passengers and no change in the crew, and on the same date the British steamship *Calderon* for New York, in cargo of coffee, with no passengers from this port, and one new member of crew.

No other vessels requiring bills of health left this port during the week.

Mortality in city of Rio de Janeiro—Plague and smallpox—Total estimated population of the city, 811,443. Week ended October 25. Total deaths, 441. Plague caused 6 deaths with 8 new reported cases, and smallpox caused 190 deaths with 411 new reported cases, of which number 126 occurred in the suburbs. At the close of the week there were in the hospital São Sebastião 299 cases of smallpox and 6 of plague under treatment; in the hospital Engenho de Dentro 157 cases of smallpox under treatment; in the hospital Paulo Candido 179 convalescents from smallpox.

CHINA.

Reports from Hongkong—Quarantine restrictions—Inspection of vessels—Examination of emigrants.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hough reports, October 23:

Week ended October 17. Restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported on October 10. Restrictions enforced against Hongkong remain as reported on October 10. No quarantinable diseases.

Vessels inspected and granted bills of health, 9.

Aliens examined for Honolulu and Pacific coast ports.—Examined, 209; rejected, 73.

Aliens examined for Philippine Islands.—Examined, 35; rejected, 22.

Report from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Cholera in Hankau and vicinity; summary for summer of 1908.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, October 27:

During the week ended October 24 supplemental bills of health were granted to 2 steamships, with an aggregate personnel of 357. There were inspected during the week 1 steamship, with 58 in the crew, and manifests were viséed for 2,992 pieces of freight.

This port continues free from quarantinable disease, leprosy excepted.

It is stated that cholera is endemic at Hankau.

The total number of cases of cholera among the European population of Hankau last summer was 23, with 12 deaths. The estimate of cases among natives runs from 3,000 to 30,000.

Cholera was also epidemic during the summer, from about the middle of August, in Wuchang, Hanyang, Ichang, and cities and villages on the Han River, all more or less adjacent to Hankau.

Among foreigners cases of this disease were traced direct to ice-boxes and refrigerators and to the product of one ice factory which used river water that had been merely settled in tanks and run through an ordinary filter, with no attempt at sterilization.

CUBA.

Report from Cienfuegos—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Suarez reports, November 16:

Week ended November 14.

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| Bills of health issued | 2 |
| Vessels inspected prior to sailing | 2 |
| Members of crews inspected | 71 |
| Passenger inspected | 1 |

No quarantinable diseases have been reported.

Report from Habana—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Sanitary conditions satisfactory.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Amesse reports, November 23:

Week ended November 21.

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| Vessels inspected | 14 |
| Bills of health issued | 19 |
| Members of crews of outgoing vessels inspected | 929 |
| Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected | 468 |
| Vessels fumigated prior to sailing | 4 |

General sanitary conditions in this city and throughout Cuba continue good.